

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
WYOMING

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
RECREATION TRAIL AND WALKWAY
CODE 568**

Land Owner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Properly operated and maintained recreation trails and walkways are an asset to the area. Trails and walkways were designed and installed as travelways for animals, personnel and small maintenance vehicles. Estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of the practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out an effective operation and maintenance program. An effective operation and maintenance program includes:

- ☐ Repair or replace damaged components is necessary.
- ☐ Maintain land, trail and walkway surfaces in good condition. Repair areas damaged by erosion or heavy use. Replace or add surface material when necessary. Prevent surface ponding using localized grading or addition of surface materials (aggregate, mulch, topsoil as appropriate) to remove depressions. Replace protective vegetation as soon as possible.
- ☐ Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilization, and application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing or short term grazing may also be needed to control height.
- ☐ Maintain drainage facility capacities. Remove debris and blockages in drainage ditches, drop inlets, culverts, bridges, waterways and storm water outlets.
- ☐ Maintain installed fences to control human and animal access.
- ☐ Remove debris and litter from trail and walkway areas, and adjoining land areas.
- ☐ Remove nuisance rodents or burrowing animals. Repair any damage caused by their activity.
- ☐ Repair any vandalism, vehicular, or animal damage.

Other _____
